

A PECULIAR FACT,

Which Strikingly Demonstrates the Law of Averages, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FAIR.

A Conundrum Propounded by Mr Campbell—Peculiarities of the Crowds—Many Seem to Go to Take Their Ease Rather Than to See the Fair—Multitudes in All the Buildings—The Ambition of the Management to Popularize the Show—One or Two Miscalculations—Beautiful Weather.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

CHICAGO, August 14.—It occurred to me the other day as I was strolling through the fair grounds to propose a conundrum to the INTELLIGENCER in my next letter. Why is it that day by day you meet at a given hour just about the same number of people at a given place? If there are seventy-five thousand people on the grounds about so many of them will be in each of the respective exposition buildings. At the outset of the day, or at any other given hour, and if the attendance rises to one hundred thousand the proportion to the whole will be preserved. Every place from the first hour of the day has apparently its regular quota of patrons, seemingly under the law of averages. Go where you will at any hour of the day you find the great crowd distributed throughout the various buildings and along the various walks as if it had been assigned to duty at the gates as it came in.

I have never gone anywhere yet that I did not find in the same building about the same number of people at about the same hour in the day. There never seems to be too many of them in any one building at any one time. It is always comfortable getting about, no matter how many are on the grounds. The point that puzzles me is as to how it comes to pass that about so many people should prefer to be, for instance, in the transportation building at 10 a. m., so many in the mining or horticultural buildings near by at the same hour, and so many more in the agricultural and electrical or the manufactures and arts building. Even the Krupp gun building, the forestry building, the leather building and the great anthropological museum have their early as well as their mid-day and mid-afternoon assignments, and to this rule of averages the big man-of-war that lies at the naval pier at the north inlet of the lake, and the convent of La Rabida, situated on the peninsula at the south inlet, are no exceptions. And so likewise I may also say of the fishery building and the United States government building and each of the state buildings. They are sure to have their regular trade from hour to hour throughout the day. They all have their averages of the whole attendance at stated times. What is the explanation of this apparently curious circumstance?

MANY TAKE THEIR EASE.

Going up the winding way that leads to the West Virginia headquarters from the Fifty-ninth street entrance, I frequently notice the crowds that seem to fill the chairs and the porches of each state building as those of Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin, those three being tandem with each other on the right hand side of the winding way. From 10 o'clock on throughout the day those chairs and porches seem to be always full, and I sometimes wonder if it is the same crowd all day long, and whether they have come to the fair, simply to "take their ease in their inn." It often looks to me as if there must be many people who prefer a chair in the shade or a seat at the restaurant table to all the attractions of the exposition buildings, for there are such seeming multitudes always sitting in the shade or eating and drinking under the awnings. It seems to confirm that paragraph furnished in my letter of the 12th from the Chicago Herald, to the effect that the masses do not come to the fair for instruction but for recreation, and that the pleasures of the senses in the shape of shade, chairs, boat riding and gastronomic count for much more than the exertion, patience and intelligence necessary to see and appreciate the fair. Therefore, said the Herald, in the paragraph alluded to, don't try to educate them into the mysteries of Wagner's music, as interpreted by Theodore Thomas, at such expense to the fair, but give them plenty of hoop-de-doo-dee-dee brass band music at the kiosks or band stands in the plazas, where they can sit in the shade and relapse into dolce far niente as they listen to national airs and other popular music. Don't bother them with lectures on even popular subjects in the various assembly halls of the exposition buildings, but give them outdoor spectacular and sensational amusements.

THE NEW DEPARTURE.

This, I may say, is the new theory and the later revolution now in process of adoption by the fair authorities with a view of popularizing the fair and drawing to a greater extent on near by patronage. It is not to be done for the sake of puff, for really, to do the management simple justice, I believe that their great ambition is to make the fair attractive for Chicago's sake, for her prestige sake; to draw New York; to show the world that Chicago always succeeds and that nothing is too big for her to undertake. To show, in other words, that she is the Rome of modern times, and like Rome, and like a first-class cat also, she always lights on her feet.

While the management is after putting money in its purse to the extent of redeeming the bonds, yet beyond that fact and with that fact provided for, the uppermost thought is prestige throughout the world, and especially on Manhattan island. To be able to put her thumb on her nose and, looking eastwardly, gyrate her digits victoriously is the real ambition of the local management. To that end they do not mean to detract from aught that is here, or that has been here all the while, save in the matter of the Thomas orchestra, but rather to add to the popular attractions.

In a word, they are going to get down a little closer to the level of the popular taste and not run the show above the heads of the audience.

COSTLY MISALCULATIONS.

They look upon the Thomas business as one of their costly miscalculations, of which, by the way, they have made several, another one, for instance, being the six hundred thousand dollars wasted in the great and useless terminal building with its twenty-four clocks, which is chiefly frequented by curio hunters who want to know what time it is in Bagdad or Jerusalem. This huge mistaken expense was incurred on the supposition that all the

railroads terminating in Chicago, at various distant points from Jackson Park, on the north, west and south sides of the city, would bring their loads of World's Fair visitors direct to the grounds instead of discharging them at their stations so many miles away. But the unexpected thing happened in this case, just as it proverbially does, and the railroads did not come to the grounds. They came to their stations as usual and consequently paid no toll on their deliveries to the fair. World's Fair visitors arriving at night did not, of course, want to go to the fair, nor did those arriving in the morning. They preferred first to go to a hotel or boarding house to rest awhile or to make their toilets or to look around and get their bearings. And then it happened that for more than two months after the opening of the fair not a train arrived at the spacious and costly and very inviting terminal. Through May and June, and up to the 4th of July it was as quiet as a grave yard. At that date the Illinois Central and the Baltimore & Ohio began to do some suburban business inside the grounds, and they still continue to do so, especially the former, but with these two exceptions, the terminal is unused and its ample trackage covered with rust. The twenty-four mysterious clocks tick away in comparative solitude, telling the hour of prayer at Constantinople to the baggy and barelegged followers of the Prophet who may be passing that way.

This mistake, as also that of introducing costly high-class music, was natural enough, and I am only surprised when I see such innumerable miscalculations on the outside of the grounds that even greater mistakes were not made on the inside. All this great work had to be done in a hurry. A sum of money equaling twice the assessed value of all the real estate in Wheeling was spent in two years, and some mistakes had to be made in the spending of it. But where so much has been done, and so wisely done; where so much beauty and utility have been created; where nature and art have been combined so exquisitely, like "apples of gold in pictures of silver," why lay stress on the mistakes made?

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER.

Speaking of things golden and silver reminds me to say something of the golden days and silver nights we have here. Whoever or whatever else may be opposed to the success of the World's Fair, the clerk of the weather has shown himself to be its steadfast friend. He has done and is doing all in his power to make it a great success. The days are golden and the nights are silver, and both are superb in point of temperature. Even at midday, when the thermometer is at 85 in the shade, which is not often, there is a cool breeze always to be enjoyed along the lake front of the grounds, and everywhere you go there is a sense of ozone in the atmosphere that keeps the heat from being oppressive. As for rain, we have ceased to look for it since the gathering of the clouds one evening last week and their speedy drifting away without so much as laying the dust. And yet people come to the fair refreshed each day by a cool night and a sound sleep, and thus they do not seem to care for the rain except as they hear of the urgent need of it in the country round about and in so many of the far and near crop regions of the land. In a word, the weather since June has been well nigh ideal. Every day seems a perfect day and scarcely a night that is not likewise perfect. So far as in them lies the days and nights have done their best to boom this fair.

I have never seen anywhere a pleasanter summer. The skies are blue and the air thin and pure and refreshing. As a summer resort the Jackson park region is a great success. The new hotels that abound therein make no extra charge for their climatic advantages. They are forbearing in this respect. Whatever their original intention and expectation may have been, their motto now is moderate rates and no charge for their "rue in urbe." "Sweet are the uses of adversity." A. W. C.

WORLD'S FAIR TOURISTS.

People Coming from and Going to the Big Exhibition.

A. G. Naylor, of the Island, left yesterday.

J. P. McCammon and wife returned Monday from the World's Fair.

A full car load of excursionists left over the C. L. & W. road yesterday morning.

M. E. Lally, of the Smith Brewing Company, went to Chicago yesterday on business and pleasure.

Miss Mamie McMechen, Mrs. Ida Dumrey, Mrs. Rebecca Gray and Mr. Scott Taylor left over the Pan-Handle at 1:30 yesterday for Chicago.

Colonel W. W. Arnett will leave this evening for the fair. An abrupt rise in the Chicago quotations on choice white pine may be expected. Local quotations will probably decline.

Before breakfast Bromo-Seltzer Acts as a bracer—trial bottle 10 cts.

HAVE you a weak stomach or do you suffer from dyspepsia? Saturdays are special days for Gluton Bread at the Wheeling Bakery's Retail Department, No. 1230 Market street.

CAMP-MEETING at Moundsville Camp Grounds August 11th to 21st.

From To-day On

We offer Ladies' Low Shoes of all kinds at greatly reduced price. L. V. BLOD.

Why do you attempt to bake and make home uncomfortable? Transform the entire house into a bake oven and make everybody miserable? You can buy those immense big loaves of "Jubilee," "Sweet Home" and "Electric" Breads for 5c. This is far cheaper than you can bake them.

Another Fire and a Fatality.

At an early hour yesterday morning there was a third fire, of incendiary origin, at Steubenville. It originated in the stable of J. C. Butte, but was soon put out without serious loss.

To add to the excitement in the town news came yesterday morning of the killing of James Mahon, formerly a well known business man of that city, on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad above the city. Mahon was intoxicated, and the fireman of the train noticed him and, while the engineer ran at a slow rate of speed, the fireman ran ahead and endeavored to pull Mahon off. He is heavy and struggled, and the train passed over him before the fireman could pull him off.

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of Gents' Russia Leather Shoes; we have them in all styles at reduced prices. L. V. BLOD.

MAKE home quiet and serene by exterminating the rats and mice with Bugine Paste.

"I was troubled with terrible pain in my back and had also kidney difficulty.

For 27 Years I Suffered.

I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and began to get better. I have not had an attack since I began to use it. I was also cured of eczema in the head and am now in good health." D. M. ROSE, Denison, Iowa. 100 doses one dollar.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills, Jaundice, Biliousness, Sick Headache and Constipation.

A VERY BAD ACCIDENT.

Three Men Hurt Yesterday Afternoon at the Top Mill

BY THE FALL OF A HEAVY IRON ROOF

David O'Leary may not Recover, but the Others get off more Fortunately—The Workmen had been Warned Repeatedly Against Carelessness. Nick Palmer will be Laid up for Some Time.

Yesterday shortly after noon a serious accident occurred at the casting house of the Top mill blast furnace, but under the circumstances the only wonder is that it was not still more serious. As it was, one man was dangerously and one seriously hurt and a third slightly injured.

The blast furnace is being rebuilt, and in tearing down the old one it was necessary to cut away the girders which led from it, supporting the heavy iron roof of the casting house. The first section of the roof was removed, the remainder being supported at the northwest corner by a round iron pillar.

In shifting some heavy castings on Monday this supporting pillar was shoved somewhat to one side at the base, so as to be out of plumb, and fearing that it might slip and fall, the men went to work yesterday to raise the roof and place more secure props under it. For this purpose a derrick was rigged up and David O'Leary climbed a ladder to the roof to hitch a chain from the boom of the derrick to one of the iron beams of the roof. Nick Palmer stood on the ladder, and Charles Wooster on the floor of the casting house below.

In manipulating the heavy chain, O'Leary let it slip from his hand, and it fell against the sloping pillar, its weight causing the pillar to fall, and this let the roof down suddenly.

O'Leary was thrown to the ground a distance of twenty odd feet. Palmer was also thrown down with the ladder, and one of the falling pieces of iron struck Wooster on the arm, shoulder and side.

O'Leary was removed from the wreck and carried on a board to his home in the old row on North Main street, just south of the mill. The company's officials summoned Drs. Garrison and Ulrich at once, and they found O'Leary suffering such intense pain that an opiate was administered. His nose was broken and cut and his cheek and jaw badly hurt, so that they swelled out of all shape. His most dangerous wounds, however, were internal, in the lower part of his abdomen. Blood issued from his stomach, but whether this was due to injuries in that part of his system or was from the injuries in his head could not be told. Late last night he was lying in a semi-conscious condition, and the chances for his recovery were reported bad.

Palmer had four ribs broken and received a wound on his left arm. He will get well, but will be laid up for several weeks. His home is in Martin's Ferry, and he was removed there in care of Dr. Garrison.

Wooster was stunned for a minute or two, but then came around all right and was able to walk home. His arm, shoulder and side, bruised by a falling iron, were all the injuries he received.

Mr. Hornbrook, of the mill office, told an INTELLIGENCER reporter that the men had been cautioned about the danger of the work several times, but did not seem to realize it. Fortunately no others of the many men about the place were under the roof, or the consequences must have been much more serious.

Exaggerated reports of the disaster were soon alloted down town, and when the real facts were known they caused a sense of relief that the result was not worse.

BRAKES DID NOT WORK.

A Catastrophe Narrowly Averted at the Baltimore & Ohio Depot.

What might have been a serious catastrophe involving possible loss of life was averted narrowly at the Baltimore & Ohio passenger station last evening. Train No. 103, due here at 5:50 o'clock in the evening was coming in on time and nothing appeared to be wrong until after it had entered the shed, when the engineer turned on the air to put on the brakes. The air, however, did not communicate to the brakes and the engine and train continued on at about six miles an hour and it looked as though the former would surely demolish the big wooden bulkhead at the upper end of the shed and smash through into the waiting room. There was a considerable crowd in the shed, who saw something was wrong when the train did not slack up, but continued coming on at an alarming speed. The engineer at the locomotive No. 842 at once reversed and let on sand, and when about fifty feet from the bulkhead but too late as it crashed into the bulkhead and splintered one of the heavy pieces of timber as though it were but a match. Fortunately train and engine came to a stop here. Though the passengers were violently shaken no one was seriously hurt; one little girl fell from a seat and received a scratch or two. There was a panic among the people in the shed who thought a serious wreck was about to happen, and rushed pell-mell out into the street.

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Is the Oriental salutation, knowing that good health cannot exist without a healthy Liver. When the Liver is torpid the Bowels are sluggish and constipated, the food lies in the stomach undigested, poisoning the blood; frequent headache ensues; a feeling of lassitude, despondency and nervousness indicate how the whole system is deranged. Simmons' Liver Regulator has been the means of restoring more people to health and happiness by giving them a healthy Liver than any agency known on earth. It acts with extraordinary power and efficacy. NEVER BEEN DISAPPOINTED.

As a general family remedy for dyspepsia, Torpid Liver, Constipation, etc. I hardly ever use anything else, and have never been disappointed in the effect produced; it seems to be almost a perfect cure for all diseases of the Stomach and Bowels.

W. J. McILROY, Macon, Ga.

REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE.

Five-roomed house on Fifteenth street, \$3,000. Seven-roomed house on Fifteenth street, between Eoff and Jacob street. Fourteen-roomed double house on South Broadway, \$4,000. A 10 x 12 roomed investment. Five-roomed house on Market street, near Twenty-sixth street, at \$1,450. Cheap. Double frame house on Market street, near Sixth street, at \$1,450. Good investment. Good business property on Main and Market streets. Four-roomed house on Erie street, Old Fair Ground, lot 30x120. Cheap at \$1,550. Eight-rooms and bath on Jacob street, near Eighteenth street. Bargain at \$3,000. Four fine houses of different sizes on South First street, River View. Lots of all sizes in different locations. Call and see us.

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Two nicely located lots in Belvedere Addition, \$250 each. House of five rooms, Eoff street, Centre Wheeling, \$1,400. One-half lot, four rooms, Eighteenth street, \$1,000. Three houses, Moyton street, cheap, \$2,500. House of three rooms, Twelfth street, \$500. House, 5 rooms, Sixteenth street, in good condition, \$2,700. Cheap. House, 4 rooms, Twelfth street, lot 35x100 feet, \$700. Corner 1/2 lot, Woods street, Centre Wheeling. The best business property in Steubenville, eight rooms, store room and good stable, on easy terms. Good reasons for selling. Three lots, 50x100 feet, Filan, White & Gallagher's addition, \$200 each. House, 6 rooms and stable, Eighteenth street, \$3,500. Three lots in Park View, cheap. One-half lot, McCulloch street, Centre Wheeling, \$300.

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